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Thursday, March 27, 1975

Changes In Election Procedures Rouse Little Public Interest

by Bob McGee

As an outgrowth of an earlier report in 1972 by a city elections advisory committee, city council held a public hearing on a proposed charter amendment to revise city election procedures on Thursday evening, March 20. It lasted exactly 20 minutes, 15 of which were taken up by city manager James Giese in reviewing the changes, and five of which were evenly divided between George Beauchamp, the chairman of the former election advisory committee, and the members of council.

Beauchamp generally supported the proposed amendments, feeling that the council had retained a number of the committee's proposals. The major difference, he stated, was in the direction of council retaining unto itself more powers than the committee had recommended. "This should be a useful beginning," he said, "and, in time, I hope that the powers of the election board may be strengthened."

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld pointed out to Beauchamp that the reason the appeals procedure on elections by-passed council—another criticism earlier voiced—was that a member of the council may be one of the appellants. Councilman Richard Castaldi voiced thanks to Beauchamp and other members of his committee for doing the basic developmental work on the amendments. Councilman Charles Schwan said he'd like to echo the remarks made and suggested to Beauchamp in a joking voice that, "to the extent this is a good document, it's excellent; and to the extent that it's bad, you're partly responsible." Mayor Richard Pilski said that he'd like to echo the remarks, also. He said that he had wanted to do away completely with the necessity of having to get a petition to run for office, but that generally he favored the proposed charter amendments.

The Reverend Kenneth Bunker the lone representative of the public in the audience, refrained from entering the discussion.

Elections Board

Perhaps the most significant part of the charter amendment is the provision establishing an elections board of five members, having staggered terms of office, who reviews election procedures, recommends revisions, hears appeals of decisions of the city clerk, appoints and removes election judges and clerks, certifies election results, and conducts recounts and such other duties as assigned to it.

The amendments make it possible to more easily change election dates when necessary, and drops the present provision where citizens may only sign one candidate's petition. Another proposed change now moves the deadline for the submission of candidate's nominating petitions from the 5th Monday preceding the election to the 7th Monday. Thus nominations will now be accepted starting July 1.

In view of the fact that the latter change will mean longer election campaigns, perhaps the lone member of the public was contemplating all of that additional campaign rhetoric as the basis for his silence. It might just be that he, like the citizens of Greenbelt generally, had decided to just wait and see what happens with these various changes.

Lion Belles Meeting

The Greenbelt Lion Belles will have their first meeting of the year on (and they are not fooling) Tues., April 1 at Lioness Angie Lindall's home, 12508 Sir Walter Drive in Glenn Dale at 7:30 p.m. Movies will be shown.

National Jaycees Put To Test By Honor Accorded Ms. Blier

by Sandra Barnes

Greenbelter Rolande Blier, of Lakecrest Drive, has achieved a unique status. Ms. Blier was named by the Maryland Jaycees as one of their "Five Outstanding Young Marylanders". However the National Jaycees, who admit only males between the ages of 18 and 35 and of "good moral character" to their business and professional organization, has refused to recognize Ms. Blier in their "The Ten Outstanding Young Men of America" contest. Obviously Ms. Blier, though qualified in all other respects, fails to meet one of the requirements of the national's bylaws.

To qualify for her state award, Ms. Blier, a youth coordinator for the Prince George's Human Resources Dept., was cited for her commitment to youth, her role in setting up a Hot Line, youth homes and other services in the county, and her background in anti-poverty programs.

Although the National Jaycees bylaws cannot be changed in time for this year's awards, Richard Scott, president of the Prince Georges Jaycee chapter, says that he will ask the Maryland Jaycees to approve a resolution requesting the national organization to change its bylaws so that Blier can be entered in next year's competition.

Several local chapters have undergone expulsion proceedings because they tried to admit women. As yet the national membership of the Jaycees has not voted on either allowing women to enter the national contest or to be admitted to membership.

In 1974 the Supreme Court refused to hear a sex discrimination case brought against the national organization by the Jaycee chapters in Rochester and Philadelphia. The local chapters sued after they underwent expulsion proceedings because they sought to admit women.

The Supreme Court let stand lower court decisions that the public functions performed by the Jaycees and the federal funding of its community projects were not enough to convert its private status into state action.

Shuttle Bus Rolls On

The senior citizen shuttle bus continues to make two trips to Beltway Plaza every Thursday at 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Return trips start from the Plaza at 12 and 2 p.m. The cost of each trip is 10c, and riders are urged to purchase a strip of tickets (20 one way tickets for \$2.00) at the Greenbelt Credit Union or Twin Pines where schedules are also available.

Passengers are picked up and discharged at various stops throughout Greenbelt including Springhill Lake. For information call Charles McDonald 474-6475.

Greenbriar Issue Brings Suit and Counter Suit

The legal controversy between Alan and Jerome Kay of Greenbriar Associates and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commissioner David H. Elliott continues on its unrelenting way with the reply filed last week in U.S. District Court in Baltimore by the Kay brothers to a countersuit filed by Elliott last month.

It all started with a million-dollar civil suit filed on October 8, 1974 by the Kay brothers who charged that their civil rights had been interfered with by Elliott's alleged actions in the Greenbriar sewage treatment case. Elliott was accused of spreading false, defamatory, and misleading information about the plant in order to prevent or delay approval of a discharge permit for the on-site treatment plant by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The suit also charged that Elliott coerced the WSSC staff to deny services legally due the developers.

Damages of \$1.3 million in compensatory and \$500,000 in punitive damages were asked on the basis that as the result of Elliott's actions, occupancy of the Greenbriar apartment project was delayed and the plaintiffs (Kay) were denied the right to make profitable use of the Greenbriar property. Approval of Greenbriar occupancy was finally obtained on October 22, 1974.

Striking back, Elliott charged in a countersuit that the Kay brothers and their law firm had abused the legal process by their suit and actions in the case. He alleged that his opposition to the "ill-conceived" on-site treatment plant had led the Kays and their lawyers (George Brugger and Richard Schifter) to conduct a political campaign with U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey, Rep. Gilbert Gude, and Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel among others to get approval.

Elliott also cited the Kays' campaign contributions to influential public officials and the suit filed against Dr. Neil Solomon, Secretary of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Elliott charged that the plaintiff's counsel had charged him with bias and prejudice while performing his duties as WSSC commissioner.

Elliott complained that because of the "potential liability" in the suit, money lenders have refused loans to his engineering firm, resulting in substantial economic damage to his business. He asked for \$11.1 million in damages.

In their reply to Elliott's suit, Kays' attorneys ask for dismissal of the counterclaim on the grounds that there is no basis upon which relief can be granted and the court lacks jurisdiction. They argue that no "abuse of process" took place since more than a filing of a suit must be involved, such as misuse of a writ after legal proceedings have commenced. They characterize Elliott's claims of deprivation of his rights to equal protection, due process, and free speech as "insubstantial, patently frivolous", since plaintiffs were not acting in a governmental capacity.

Opening Game Bus Trip

The Greenbelt Sport Club will again be sponsoring a bus trip to the Baltimore Orioles' opening game with Boston at 2 p.m. on Fri., April 11. For tickets and other details call 474-5156.

The bus, which will load up directly behind the post office, will leave at noon.

Judge Rules Against City On Center Mall Assessment

The Greenbelt city budget suffered another battering on March 13 when Circuit Court Judge William B. Bowie ruled that the special assessment levied on Center Mall property owners within the special taxing district to finance the cost of the Center Mall renovation project was illegal. City manager James K. Giese said that this decision if sustained would mean that the Greenbelt taxpayer would have to foot the bill for the \$60,000 renovation project. Bonds have been issued to pay off the project in 15 years.

Judge Bowie ruled that the Maryland Code which authorized special assessments for the purpose of financing the improvement of pedestrian malls did not apply to the present case because (1) no closing of a main street and its conversion to a pedestrian mall took place; (2) no request was made for the improvements by the merchants; and (3) the merchants did not agree to the assessment.

The judge noted that the mall has always been dedicated to public use and has been continuously maintained by the city out of public funds. He therefore concluded that the renovation project was for the benefit of the whole community, with only incidental benefit to the nearby property owners in the center.

"The court . . ." Judge Bowie said, "fully commends the city of Greenbelt for its initiative in community development, but, at the same time, is not convinced that

WHAT GOES ON
Thurs., March 27, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Fri., March 28, 8 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Youth Center
Sat., March 29, 12-3 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club, All Sports Sign-up, Youth Center
Mon., March 31, 9 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt, Greenbelt Lake Park - Rain date, Tues., April 1, 9 a.m.
9:30 a.m. Happy, the Magic Clown, Greenbelt Lake Park. In case of rain, Ridge Road Center

City Sponsors Clean-Up

The City of Greenbelt will sponsor a "Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Day" on Saturday, April 12. The city is seeking individuals volunteers and organizations to help clean-up the Lake Park, as well as other parks and playgrounds.

Once again the level of the Lake will be lowered to facilitate the cleaning of the shore. The city reports that last year's efforts were very successful.

Members of the Public Works Department will be on hand to assist at the parks, and city trucks will be picking up trash and debris from residents.

Groups wishing to take on a particular area as a special project are urged to notify the City Offices at 474-8000.

Meetings Scheduled on Parkway Improvements

A series of meetings has been scheduled in April by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) to discuss the next steps in the preliminary study phase of possible improvements for the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The Interagency Review Committee will meet on April 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the SHA Building on Kenilworth Ave., Greenbelt. An analysis of the preliminary study on the alternatives for improving the Parkway will be presented to representatives of Federal, State and local agencies and several incorporated municipalities.

On April 7 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. public information workshops will be held at Greenbelt Junior High School. The public is invited to discuss, comment and ask questions on the Parkway improvement program.

Postmaster Tips

When stamps become stuck together, place them in the freezing compartment of the refrigerator. After an hour or so, they can be pulled apart without damage to stamps or mucilage.

the change involved was for the principal benefit of the adjacent landowners.

Emmett Nanna had argued the case for the city and Abraham Chasanow for the property owners. Among the property owners affected by the decision are Greenbelt Consumer Services, the Medical Building, Greenbelt Realty, Mobil Gas Company, and William and Charles Cohen.

The case has had a long history. The city had previously, in March 1970, received a ruling on an earlier ordinance that it could not establish a special taxing district for the purpose of levying taxes against the Center Mall property owners to finance the operation and maintenance of the commercial center. The earlier ordinance had provided that the cost of maintenance and improvement of the mall would be shared equally by the city and the property owners in the special taxing district.

On December 20, 1971, the city council tried again by enacting ordinance #722 which, in effect, provided that the property owners within the special taxing district would be assessed for the entire cost of the renovation work, but not the cost of any annual maintenance or cleaning charges.

The city sought a declaratory judgment confirming the legality of ordinance #722, but the court refused to rule until bonds were issued and taxes levied to finance the Center Mall project. Subsequently on June 11, 1973 the council passed ordinance #757 authorizing the improvements and the issuance of bonds for financing the cost of the improvements. Through ordinance #780, the city then levied a tax on the real property within the special taxing district at the rate of \$1.35 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the fiscal year 1974-75.

The court declared ordinances #722 and #757 void and restrained the city from collecting any taxes levied under ordinance #780.

The contracts for the renovation project, which included such things as repaving the concrete mall and installation of new trees, shrubs, lights, benches, and trash containers, were let out in the fall of 1973. The project was completed by the summer of 1974.

Ride-A-Bike For the Retarded

Mayor Pilski will serve again as honorary chairman of the annual Greenbelt Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded to be held on Sun., April 20 from 11 a.m. to sundown beginning at the Youth Center. The trail through the city and into the Research Center is approximately 10 miles long and can be repeated or shortened as each rider wishes. Monies collected through sponsors of the bikers will be directed to the Prince Georges County Association for Retarded Citizens (PGARC) in support of their programs. Other cities in the county will host similar trails.

The City Recreation Department, Police Department and Joggers Club are assisting with arrangements. Banners carrying names of organizations and businesses within the city providing or sponsoring riders will be available for the day of the ride. Family and club groups are encouraged to pack a picnic lunch to complete the outing. Rain date is the following Sun.

Sponsor sheets and other information are available from the Greenbelt Chairmen, Eileen Labukas (474-9486) and Leo Davis (474-9125), from the Recreation Department (474-6878) or the Springhill Lake Community House.

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Unfair News Coverage

To the Editor:

Forget something, Mr. Skolnik? Such as the **first four lines** of the amendment to the GHI Bylaws offered by Mrs. Hutzler and myself for the financial information and protection of the membership? You discussed the **last line only** (on limiting investments of this Working Capital to 1 year) as if it were the **entire substance** of the proposed amendment, to be inserted in Article 8, Section 12 entitled "Accounting Systems, Financial Records and Internal Controls."

For the benefit of members, who could not attend the Bylaws Meeting at the North End School, or read your front-page article in the March 20 issue, the missing lines are as follows: "To govern and control funds derived from the 3% assessment of the selling price of Greenbelt Homes Inc. units, to be known as 'Working Capital,' to give an annual report to the Membership detailed as to total income from this source, expenditures and purposes for same, as well as investments, if any, and their accrued interest."

The lump sum mentioned in the budgets gives us **none** of the detailed information above we have a **right to know**. For three years now, in spite of the plea of members for guide lines for the handling of these large amounts of money coming in from the sale of homes, ranging as high as \$25, or \$30,000, the Board and Audit Committee members (with the exception of a former Audit Committee member, Mrs. Kandler) have turned a deaf ear!

So the Board, which has an insatiable thirst for more money, keeps on asking the members but will not explain in details to our satisfaction the thousands already given them in the way of monthly increases, since 1966 service charge increases, loans, and working capital funds.

Eunice E. Coxon

Editor's Note: The News Review issue of March 6 had a front-page article discussing in full the bylaw change proposed by Mrs. Coxon and Mrs. Hutzler. The March 20 article was confined to those aspects of the proposed bylaw changes that had created controversy at the GHI informational meeting.

Surreptitious Rumor

To the Editor:

... I want to scotch the rumor surreptitiously being circulated by interested parties that unless you vote for a change in the by-law limiting the increase to 10% of the budget we will go bankrupt. Perish the thought. Your board and management know more ways to skin a cat than you or I ever heard of. When I brought up the subject of bankruptcy I was told by one who should know that they would buy the houses back. As this can't be done with poker chips I am confident that the money is there -- as long as you supply them with it.

Martha Hutzler

Good Friday Service

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church Good Friday service will be at 8 p.m. The combined choirs of Community and Mowatt Memorial will sing "Ten Thousand Angels" by Ray Overholt. The evening message will be given by Dr. William Murry, Interim minister of the Community Church.

GHI Members Beware

To the Editor:

The proliferation of large storage sheds in all kinds of locations within GHI yards will cause some anguish to members who may find that they have installed illegal storage sheds that are contrary to GHI regulations. The penalty for not having checked before installation may be the removal of the shed.

GHI members are requested to check with the GHI Office, 474-5566, before buying or installing storage sheds, otherwise they may be making a "\$200 mistake".

Stephen Polaschik

A Tribute

To the Editor:

I am moved to write a tribute. I am so surprised at myself, it would be easy to just dwell on how amazed I am, and nearly forget to list the fine qualities of the person I wish to pay tribute. Some readers will understand when they realize this letter is written by a dedicated pet lover. Yet, I wish to bring to the attention of those who have been involved, and those who may be involved, the fine qualities of our local "dog catcher" (Animal Warden, please).

It's now obvious to me that Ralph Diest did not develop these qualities in the last year, or month. They were there all the time, but I was slower than most to "see" what I was seeing.

I will inject one phase of my story here. I brought up two children in Greenbelt. Lovely, green, green Greenbelt, with its long list of rules and regulations to keep pets off the lovely green. We had many emotional episodes about Bobby, and Katherine, and Boo-Boo, and Ms. Agnes, and Samantha (who became Sam), and Peanuts and Rippy, and Bootsie, and Alan the Mother Cat, and her two litters, etc. We were welcoming 3 yellows and one white and black kittens the night Greenbelt passed an ordinance that cats were to be leashed, or under the owner's control (hah!).

My children were old teenagers by the time Greenbelt was urged to bring their doggies for free rabies shots -- and two weeks later the State, County, and any other power concerned sent notices to get licenses. Yes, there are pros and cons on every aspect of the controls for pets. But in Greenbelt, and particularly in my own home, the target of these frustrations was one person, to wit: Bad old Ralph. I was a parent who was proud of never permitting my children to gossip or tear down any authority. Teachers, babysitters, police, firemen, were immune. All except Good (or Bad) old Ralph.

For some reason I would shake a kid if they would repeat some gossip about authorities -- but with my halo shining I would smile, or laugh out loud when the kids would tell tales of dogs chasing the dog catcher; Ralph fearlessly capturing an unruly 5 pound dog, and looking the otherway when a monster of a dog loomed across the green.

In view of the above (and that isn't the half of it -- I wasn't called the Cat Woman of G4 Court Gardenway for nothing) two Sundays ago I wanted to hug the dogcatcher. There he was, with an animal trap, and a long handle noose, he and his son casually leaving my home, with Ralph shyly nodding goodbye. He had done what he has done for years -- gave up his own Sunday time, to respond to an emergency (an emergency created by people), and patiently and humanly helped me capture a wild

"I Am Appalled"

To the Editor:

I am appalled at the letter from Eunice Coxon in last week's News Review. Apparently, by her own admission, she is going after our public officials for verification of information which she has already received from the Board and Management of GHI, and is giving them her version of the shortcomings of the Board of Directors.

Prof. J. Bronowski, in his television series "Ascent of Man" says that knowledge can never be absolute, that it is a matter of judgment, and that there is always a degree of tolerance in that judgment -- it can never be perfect, and that we must cure ourselves of the itch for absolute knowledge and power.

The Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., was elected to use its collective judgment -- Mrs. Coxon was not elected to use her individual judgment. The present Board's collective judgment though not perfect, since no judgment ever is, has been very good. Two of our greatest problems are on their way to a solution through the Board's action in obtaining help from large Federal agencies.

Because these judgments of the Board do not coincide with Mrs. Coxon's individual judgment, she is bedeviling those very agencies which are helping us beyond our most hopeful dreams, and she is also asking our Senators to pester them. Why, oh why, oh why?

Janet M. James

Doesn't Speak For Me

To the Editor:

From where does Ms. Eunice Coxon get the right to speak for ME and write to two senators and the director of NASA trying to wreck the solar heat project?

How can she have the unmitigated gall to deliberately attempt to make these people -- who are NOT GHI members and therefore NOT in a position to know the actual situation -- think that every decision of the Board of Directors must be submitted to a referendum? I see no difference between what she has done in this letter and a deliberate lie.

How can she constantly charge "secrecy" when there is no secrecy? What does she really want -- to have our houses deteriorate over our heads, and have charges go up and up because no improvements will be allowed to help us save money by cutting the operating costs of an antique heating system? What's her game?

She says "as people of modest means we have a right to know exactly what costs the membership will bear?" Did she think about that when she and her friends brought suit against GHI on a frivolous charge? Has she thought what reduced costs we might have now if we had improved the heating systems and had become less reliant on oil? If in this specific matter she wants to know what the costs will be why doesn't she try reading the articles in the News Review?

She didn't speak for me in her open letter -- nor do I think she spoke for very many others.

Katherine Keene

Mishkan Torah News

Rabbi Kenneth Berger will discuss "Love Poetry in the Bible" at the Fri. service, March 28, which starts at 8:30 p.m.

Rev. Birner on TV, Sunday

The meaning of Easter will be discussed on WMAL-TV's "People to People" program on Sun. at 9 a.m. The show's host, the Rev. Charles S. Mueller, will be joined by the Rev. Edward H. Birner, Pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and the Rev. George Lobiens of Silver Spring.

Ecumenical Sunrise Service on Easter

A Sunrise Easter Service will be held at Greenbelt Lake at 7 a.m. March 30. The service is sponsored by St. Hugh's Catholic Church, Greenbelt Community Church, and Mowatt Methodist Church.

The Rev. Robert Amey from St. Hugh's will speak on "The Consequence of Easter". There will be guitar music and singing by choir.

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Rev. William R. Murry, Ph.D., Interim Minister

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thurs., 8 p.m., March 27 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Greenbelt Community Church

Community & Methodist Churches joining

Fri., 8 p.m., March 28 - Good Friday Service

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

Methodist & Community Churches joining

Easter Sunday, March 30 - 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

Greenbelt Lake

11 a.m. Family Worship Service

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- To Sing
- To Celebrate
- To Pray
- To Know that God is reaching out to YOU.

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474-4040

11 am & 7 pm

Sunday Worship Services

9:45 am

Bible Study for all ages (Sunday)

7:30 pm

Mid Week Service (Wednesday)

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Communion

7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Services

7:30 p.m.

Easter Festival Services

Sunrise Service

7:00 a.m.

Festival Communion Services

8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School

9:50 a.m.

Come and Worship With Us

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474-9200

Don't miss "Easter Is" on Sunday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. or

"People to People" at 9:00 a.m. WMAL-TV

Dorothy Wright Davis
Editor's Note: Ralph Diest was named the 1974 Outstanding City Employee at the Annual City Employees Banquet Sat., Feb. 22.

Metro Subway Route Still Up For Grabs

The question of what the Metro subway route will be north of Prince Georges Plaza is still being debated. Last week the Metro staff recommended that the rapid transit route be built along the western part of the University of Maryland campus, thus shifting it up to two miles westward from the alignment (officially termed ARS) adopted in 1968 through College Park. The ARS route would have paralleled the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks and ended up near Greenbelt Road and the Springhill Lake industrial tract.

As recommended by the Metro staff, the rerouting would proceed along Adelphi Road past University Blvd. and end up near the interchange between the Capital Beltway and I-95. (The attached map shows another alternative which would go along University Blvd. past a station near Byrd Stadium to a terminal station near Metzerott Road.)

The Maryland Department of Transportation has been pushing for the I-95 connection and, except for the city of Greenbelt, there has been little support for the ARS alignment. The city of College Park has opposed the ARS alignment, Berwyn Heights seems to have little interest in having Metro next to it, and the ARS alignment poorly serves the University.

Metro board members Francis W. White and Carlton R. Sickles of Prince Georges county predicted the new routing would create controversy. A public hearing has been set for May 5.

The staff recommendation followed the submittal of a report prepared by the consulting firm of Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd. The latter found the staff-supported route ranked best "in terms of traffic, land-use, intensity and convenience and service."

There were at least seven terminal yards and four basic route variations considered by the consultants, with a number of minor variations and combinations in between.

However, an environmental impact report prepared by the consultants showed some advantages for the original ARS alignment.

One factor in favor of the ARS alignment is the population area being served. The subway going to Greenbelt Road would be serving substantially more people than the alternatives. There is a population of 21,244 for the area north of Greenbelt Road from U.S. 1 east (including Greenbelt) and 23,667 in the Berwyn Heights-College Park area south of Greenbelt Road from U.S. 1 to Westchester Park.

This compares with somewhat over 20,000 for the routes that go over I-95 plus the 20,500 University of Maryland population. (The latter is a questionable factor).

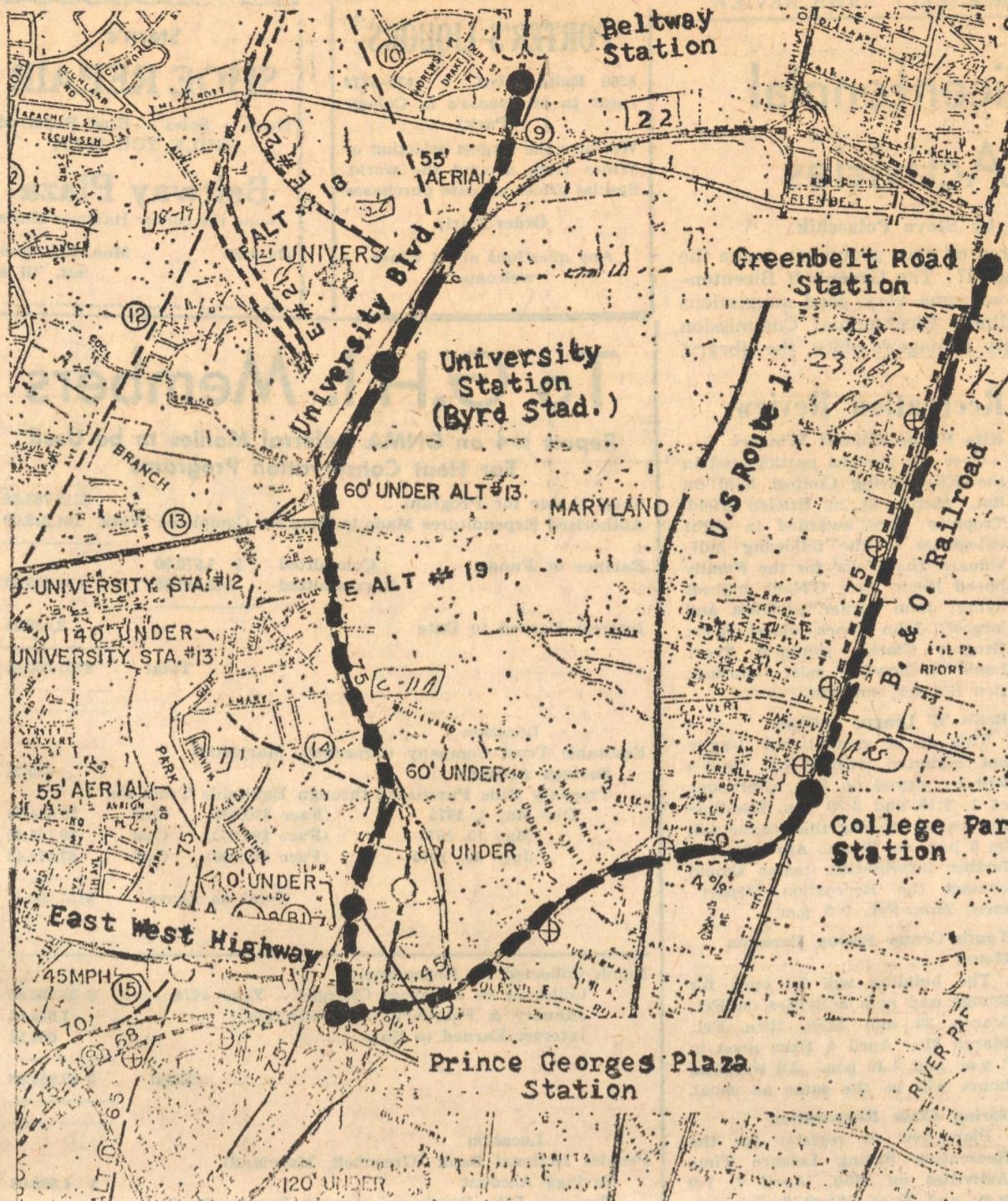
The ARS alignment ranked first in more environmental factors than any other alignment both as to the route location and as to the terminal yard locations. It also appears that the cost of construction for the ARS alignment is the cheapest.

Boys and Girls Club

by Fred Ford

FINAL SIGN-UP - Sat. March 29 at the Youth Center from noon till 3 p.m. will be the last 1975 ALL SPORTS sign-up. Boys wanting to play baseball from 12 thru 16; girls softball players from 9 thru 17 are urged to come out. Sign-up by phone if member this past year by calling 474-8343. This registration must be in the Prince Georges Boys Club office by April 1.

Basketball Wins - 2/18, 17 boys beat Hyattsville 62-37 with high scorers Mark Weiss 24, Bob Mongelli 18 and Kevin Foster 12. 2/19, Coach Jerry Fountain's 15 boys beat Cheverly 57-33 with good performance from Mike Hein, Gary Scratches, Tony Bouknight, Kevin Garde, George Hemphill, Bruce Mangum and Doug Nagle. 2/20 Langley Park lost to the 13B boys 31-26, with good team work.



Although the above map shows more than a half-dozen alternate Metro subway routes running north from Prince Georges Plaza, the two routes receiving the most Greenbelt attention are shown in darkened lines.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, on Mon., March 31. The hunt will take place at the Lake Park at 9 a.m. Rain date will be at the same time on Tues., April 1. Many special prizes were donated by Beltway Hot Shoppe, Beltway Roy Rogers and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. Immediately following the Hunt, 'Happy, the Magic Clown' will perform on the Bandstand. In case of rain, the clown show will be held at the Ridge Road Center at 9:30 a.m.

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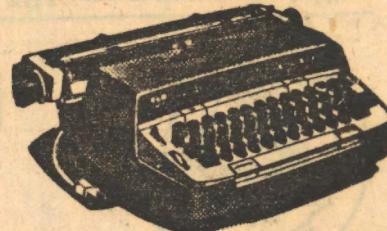
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Bicentennial Activities

by Steve Polaschik

Looking for IDEAS on how you or your group can make the Bicentennial period more meaningful? The Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee (CBI) has received some very good suggestions which were prepared by the Illinois Bicentennial Commission and which are available at the city manager's office, the library, or the committee chairman.

The publications are Bicentennial Ideas for Libraries, Bicentennial Ideas for Elementary School Youth, Bicentennial Ideas for Religious Organizations, Bicentennial Ideas for Youth, and Bicentennial Ideas for Senior Citizens.

Some Greenbelt organizations are developing projects which will be tied into the Bicentennial celebration, but have not brought them to public attention. We hope that the GBC will be made aware of such projects through a brief note to the Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770, or by calling the Chairman, Steve Polaschik on 474-9352. The Bicentennial program is something we should all share, so please keep the Committee informed. In that way, we can make fullest use of our resources. The Committee is heartened by the interest of the many individuals and organizations that want to be a part of this special celebration that will be continuing from now through 1976.

Hearing On Rent Control Charge

The first refinement of Prince Georges newest rent control measure will be given public airing April 1 at 2 p.m. as Councilman Gerard T. McDonough's proposal to eliminate any hike in the property tax rate as an allowable pass-through comes to public hearing.

The public hearing will be conducted in the Council Hearing Room in Upper Marlboro. County Council enacted the third year of rent controls Feb. 18, clamping a six percent lid on county rents but allowing unlimited, non-profit pass-throughs that represent actual increases in utility and tax costs.

According to the McDonough bill, landlords no longer would be allowed to pass on to tenants additional costs resulting from an increase in the property tax rate. Pass-throughs would continue for actual hikes in utility, water and sewer costs.

KAVA PLANS TRIP TO COLONIAL CITY

A Teen Club trip to Williamsburg, Virginia has been planned for Wed. April 2. Also scheduled is a morning visit to Jamestown. The trip is open to all Greenbelt teens and their guests. It will include visits to many points of interest in the colonial capital.

The bus will leave the Youth Center at 6 a.m. April 2 and return at approximately 10 p.m. A fee will be charged to cover the tour and transportation. Meals will not be included. All are urged to bring along a bag lunch; however, there will be places where food may be purchased. For cost information, call the Recreation Department, 474-6878 or 474-9554. Sign up at the Youth Center; money must be in no later than Fri., March 28.

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"BALANCED" between one neighbor that has a new hi-fi and another that has a few parties each month? See this 2 BR home with pleasant fenced yard, Washer, dryer, A/C's W/W carpet, new kit. and bath! Perfect location. Near the GREENBELT SHOPPING MALL \$15,800

NO "LION" about it, we have a fine 4 BR 2 bath C/AC home with fabulous rec. room, modern T/S kit. with door opening onto sun deck. NEAR GREENBELT, but closer to NASA. About nine years old. Very clean! Nice yard! FHA/VA \$51,900

"ARCHER" WOULD FIND THIS PERFECT FOR "ALL IN THE FAMILY ROOM". This just listed 4 BR 2 bath home with huge 15' x 24' added room. Full basement with rec. room! FHA/VA \$36,500!

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To G.H.I. Members

Report #4 on GNMA Deferral Monies to be Used For Heat Conservation Programs

Total Funds for Program	\$318,763.56
Authorized Expenditures Made to Date for Completed Work	164,243.00

Balance of Funds:	Committed	\$ 1,979.00
	Uncommitted	152,541.56
		154,520.56

Interest Earned to Date	2,539.85
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Total	\$157,060.41
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Location	
Equitable Trust Company (Greenbelt, Maryland)	
Savings Account	629.71
Treasury Bills Purchased through Equitable Trust Co.	
Due May 1, 1975 (Face \$30,000)	Cost 29,604.90
May 15, 1975 (Face \$60,000)	Cost 59,155.40
July 10, 1975 (Face \$70,000)	Cost 67,670.40
Total as above	\$157,060.41

Funds Collected for Repayment:	
Collected in Members Charges - Year 1974	\$ 35,730.80
January & February 1975 Collection	7,619.66
Interest Earned to Date	604.22
Total	\$ 43,954.68

Location	
Peoples National Bank (Greenbelt, Maryland)	
Savings Account	\$ 4,566.08
Treasury Bills Purchased through Peoples Bank	
Due April 10, 1975 (Face \$25,000)	24,576.75
June 13, 1975 (Face \$15,000)	14,811.85
Total as above	\$ 43,954.68

James R. Foster
Treasurer
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.
3/25/75

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

On March 3, 1975 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1975-1, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 1975-1

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL," SUB-TITLE "HOME RULE," TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SUB-SECTION (C), TITLE "ADOPTION" OF SECTION 40-50, TITLE "COUNCIL ACTION ON BUDGET," TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT THE BUDGET ON OR BEFORE THE TENTH DAY OF JUNE OF THE FISCAL YEAR CURRENTLY ENDING.

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 22nd day of April, 1975, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 12th day of April, 1975, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8000.

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Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik — 474-6060

Everyone is talking about the 80 year old tiger residing at 105 Hedgewood Drive. George Brinsko reports that his name is Walter Wight, and he not only bowls regularly with the Boxwood Mixed League, but acts as League Secretary and all-around spark plug. This gentle person demonstrated his tigerish trait recently when, carrying a 118 average, he rolled ten consecutive marks, no mean feat for any bowler, and produced a game of 190.

A dead draw featured last Friday's duplicate bridge session as the teams of Claire Jacobs-Ray Carriere and Tony Pisano-Sid Barnett wound up with 62½ points. In third place was the combine of Margaret Clymer and Al Skolnik, 1½ points behind.

Appearing for the first time in public at Parkdale's Spring Choral Festival was the new rock-combo "Theory In Practice." Four of the 6 players are Greenbelters — Mike Sucher, George Beauchamp, Joel Kastner and David Spiegelthal.

Marine Private Philip B. Beard 105 Tamarisk Court, is stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Santa Ana, California.

Catherine Susan Webb, 7-F Crescent, received recognition as an honor roll student at Utah State University. Catherine is majoring in Education.

Greenbelter Elaine Weaver has joined L. P. Steuart as the company's first saleswoman.

Appearing in last week's Prince Georges Sentinel was a feature story about Gary and Jean Smith of Greenbelt, who specialize in puppet theatre for local groups. The puppets are "mouth puppets" which fit neatly over a person's arm and hand so the mouths flap open at the operator's whim. The Smiths get help from their two children, Wendy and Cathy during productions of the "G and J Puppet Theatre."

The Springhill Lake Duplicate Bridge Club winners of the Swiss Team Event were Peg Zirkel, Marie Dube, Doris Johnson and Ruth Schuetzle. The next regular duplicate game is March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the SHL Community House.

Gregory T. Loftus, 7-J Crescent Rd., received his Ph.D. in psychology from Michigan State University this month. Congratulations!

Ruth Rebecca Amberg, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mat Amberg, 6-E Hillside Rd., recently received her masters degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Ruth, who is now attending law school, also helps her husband, Nick Dimas, in his law office. Her father and brother Alan recently visited the couple in Texas and spent some time south of the border in Mexico. It was an enjoyable trip for all.

Navy Seaman Recruit Robert F. Conway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conway, 9168 Springhill Lane, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Big winners at last week's SHL Duplicate bridge game were: East-West first place, Bob Johnson-Keith McManus, second, Lucille and Lou Lushine; North-South first place, Marie Dube-Peg Zirkle, second (tie) Cary and Dot Finders, Larry and Lee Fink.

Army Private Richard B. Tipton, son of Mrs. Patricia H. Tipton, 8H Southway, is assigned as a gunner with the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Blythe H. Blanchard, daughter of Lt. General and Mrs. George S. Blanchard of Lakecrest Dr., has recently been appointed a Student Advisor for the 1975-76 academic year at Hood College in Frederick, Md. A junior, she will be concerned with the quality of community life in her dormitory and will be responsible for its overall functioning.

Scott Davis has been named to the Merit List for the first semester of the 1974-75 academic year at Eastern College in Penna. Scott, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of 6015 Springhill Dr., is a sophomore majoring in chemistry and is a Presidential Scholar.

G. H. I. MEMBERS

At the Annual Membership Meeting and Election to be held May 29-30, 1975, Greenbelt Homes will elect five directors to serve for two-year terms and three members to the Audit Committee to serve for one-year terms. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please fill out the form below and give it to a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee: Josephine Seay, 6-S Plateau- 474-9226; Mary J. Kinzer, 6-G Ridge-474-6117; Katherine Keene, 6-H Hillside- 474-6026; Gary Smith, 73-J Ridge- 474-0543; Dennis Burton, 3-Q Research- 345-9611.

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Date

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